

in a tragic accident as he was fulfilling his military obligation to our Nation.

Cpl. Roberts was a member of the United States Army and served in the position of Tank Gunner. His devotion and commitment to our U.S. Military were legendary among the family members he leaves behind. Prior to his death, he personally reiterated to his family the importance of his mission and his dedication to serving our Nation in this time of international conflict.

I am most saddened to lose this dedicated American soldier, a Winter Park native and the son-in-law of a wonderful friend, Karen Mendenhall. During services that were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Oviedo on Friday, December 5th, Bobby was remembered by his brother and parents as a wonderful member of the family, a devoted Christian and a committed American soldier.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Cpl. Roberts' parents, Chuck and Joann, on the loss of their beloved son. We commend his brother, Lance Corporal Chris Roberts, for his courage and dedicated service in the United States Marine Corps. And to all those in Bobby's family who have suffered this great loss, we give the eternal thanks of a grateful Nation.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK ANDERSON OF
RAYTHEON

HONORABLE JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a tribute to Charles D. "Chuck" Anderson, Raytheon's Vice President, Air-to-Air Missiles in Tucson, Arizona who is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated and faithful service to the defense of our great Nation.

From the time Chuck was a boy, his patriotic fervor and love of country formed the foundation for all he has accomplished to date. In the 1950s, when the face and ambitions of our American youth began to change, Chuck chose the difficult path and served with the California National Guard as a paratrooper. After his National Guard tour, Chuck selected the toughest, most disciplined course of study earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics from California State Polytechnic University in 1961. In 1972, he received a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering at the University of Southern California.

Chuck, the man, is more than just America's premier designer and builder of our most capable weapons. He is a true patriot and champion for the American dream. When asked to perform in the hustle and bustle of Corporate

America, with the ever present hunger for profits and earnings, Chuck always asked one question first, "Is this good for the Warfighter . . . will this save American lives on the battlefield?" By that creed he lives his life, both professionally and personally. During his quarterly, "All Hands" Leadership meetings, Chuck always ended his session with a 30 minute discussion on what it means to be an American. Love of Country, Love of Freedom were always the major themes of his closing comments. This theme in particular, defines Chuck Anderson and serves as the driving force behind this American Patriot.

Apart from his role as America's "Missileman," Chuck took an active leadership role in one of this country's premier Leadership Learning Laboratories, The Boy Scouts of America. As an Adult Leader, Chuck imparted his wealth of lifetime experiences, patriotism, and charismatic leadership to this unique group of American youth. The leaders of tomorrow will long remember Chuck's lessons of life, pursuit of excellence, and responsibility. When he was not paying back to the country he loves, Chuck took time to revel in his two greatest hobbies: flying antique model airplanes and listening to American Rock and Roll. In fact, his knowledge of Rock and Roll is so great, Chuck continues to author numerous missives titled, "This Date in Rock and Roll History."

Chuck Anderson is one of the select few that has consistently given and sacrificed for all that is good for America . . . and the generations of youth he has touched and continues to touch will pass on their strong character and moral fiber for generations to come so that our country remains a beacon of freedom and leadership throughout the world. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Chuck and his wife Carolyn all the best as they venture into the next chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Monday, December 1, 2003 as World AIDS Day. Worldwide 42 million people are living with HIV/AIDS, including 3.2 million children under the age of 15. AIDS kills more people worldwide than any other infectious disease and infects 15,000 people each day.

World AIDS Day was established in 1988 to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and tackle the tough issues related to the disease. This year the focus is on stigma and discrimination, two major obstacles in preventing HIV/AIDS.

When people living with HIV/AIDS are discriminated against they are less likely to acknowledge their disease or seek treatment. They may be denied housing, employment, or health care services. We must do everything possible to reduce the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS through worldwide and local efforts.

Congress can fight stigma and discrimination by continuing monetary support for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. IAVI focuses on accelerating scientific progress, mobilizing public support through issue advocacy and education, encouraging industrial involvement in AIDS vaccine development, and working to ensure global access to a vaccine. I greatly support this program and urge the largest funding amount.

Congress should provide the maximum allowable contribution of \$3 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. The Fund makes grants in developing countries aimed at reducing the number of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria infections, as well as the illness and death that result from such infections. Over five years, the Fund hopes to fund anti-retroviral therapy for 500,000 patients over five years and to be supporting programs to provide care for 500,000 children orphaned by AIDS.

However, these large international organizations would be meaningless without people at the local level to provide care and support to those living with HIV/AIDS. In Texas, 60,078 people are living with HIV/AIDS, and many groups and individuals are working hard to address their needs.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the following people and organizations for their contributions in combating the AIDS epidemic:

Charlene Doria Ortiz, Executive Director—Center for Health Policy Development; Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director of Health—San Antonio Metropolitan Health District; David Ewell, Executive Director—San Antonio AIDS Foundation; Yolanda Rodriguez Escobar, Director—Mujeres Unidas Contra El SIDA; Pastor E. Butch Seward, Chairman of the Board and Michelle Durham, Executive Director—Black Effort Against the Threat of AIDS (BEAT AIDS, Inc.).

By providing medical care, educational programs, housing and financial assistance, case-workers to help with government benefits, and support groups, these programs help those living with HIV/AIDS get through each day. I am proud to recognize them for their year round and tireless commitment to fighting HIV/AIDS.

We may only recognize World AIDS Day once a year, but by providing adequate funding and support for programs that encourage treatment and education we can create lasting effects on the fight against AIDS.